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Letter dated 13 May 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sudan on the elections and inauguration of H.E. Mr. Nelson Mandela as President of the Republic of South Africa.

I should be grateful if the text of the statement could be circulated as a document of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly under item 38 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Hamid Ali EL TINAY
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Annex

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sudan

On Tuesday, 10 May 1994, a dark and gloomy episode in the history of mankind is concluded, a tragedy on the conscience of humanity for some 300 years is terminated, and the chapters of an odious crime committed against the people of South Africa are ended.

On this day, the apartheid regime is buried forever, and a new day is dawning for the birth of a people that has broken its bonds and wrested its freedom from talons of the forces of tyranny and the racism of arrogance, embodying the concept of militancy and the value of struggle and martyrdom in the fight against evil for the triumph of the concept of good that God Almighty made innate in man and thereby honoured him.

On this day, the Black African militant Nelson Mandela is being inaugurated as President of South Africa, as a symbol of freedom and as a historic attestation to the power of peoples to achieve victory by an unswerving logic whenever they are resolved to do so.

The value of a human being does not lie in his colour or his race. The capabilities and values of peoples cannot be imprisoned behind bars, even if the forces of arrogance wish to curb their indomitable force. The cause of the people of South Africa has been a major issue of concern to Sudanese public opinion and occupies first place in its struggle against the forces of colonialism. We have striven for it, step by step, in full coordination with all the militant national forces in South Africa and at all regional and international levels and forums. Out of conviction, the Sudan has vigorously supported the people of South Africa against apartheid in respect of all the resolutions adopted by the Organization of African Unity since its inception, the League of Arab States, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and other regional forums. It has also taken a firm stand against apartheid and had the honour to host a session of the Supreme Council for Sports in Africa in Khartoum in 1975, at which a decision was taken to bar South Africa from all international sports events. The Sudan has also implemented all the resolutions adopted by all regional and international forums imposing isolation on the racist regime in South Africa, by prohibiting Sudanese airspace, ports and highways to racist South Africa. The Sudan has played a leading and effective role in the adoption of these resolutions and in enabling the armed struggle against apartheid. The Sudanese people, which aids the causes of the peoples, naturally considers the triumph of the Black majority in South Africa as a triumph for Sudanese ethical values and political principles.

The Revolution of National Salvation has accorded the utmost priority to African issues and has participated in all African activities at all levels, and the Sudan has been active in the Organization of African Unity and its agencies, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, the Preferential Trade Area,

the International Fund for Agricultural Development and regional and sectoral conferences and meetings.

It has also accorded attention to the enhancement of diplomatic representation in Africa, particularly in South Africa. The Sudan was one of the first African States to demand an active presence on the spot in South Africa itself, and the Revolution of National Salvation has followed closely the political developments in that fraternal country, up to the completion of the elections and the announcement of the results bringing President Mandela to power in his country.

His Excellency Lieutenant-General Bashir, the President of the Republic, has gone with a high-level delegation to participate with the people of South Africa in the ceremonies for the inauguration of African militant Mandela as the first African Head of State of South Africa.

Victory is from God alone. The Sudan, in welcoming the birth of a majority State in South Africa and congratulating its people on seizing its right to freedom and equality, is confident that the Government of South Africa, under the wise leadership of President Mandela, will be a major addition to the struggle of the African continent to achieve peace, prosperity and a decent life. Long live solidarity between peoples. Long live African Unity.